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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

June 4, 2009 Through July 3, 2009

New Porterville Courthouse for Tulare County

The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties that the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the staff agency of the Judicial Council of California, is considering adoption of a mitigated negative declaration for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for a new courthouse in Porterville, CA (see figure on the following page). The AOC proposes to acquire parcels in Porterville from the City of Porterville. The AOC will construct a new courthouse facility and operate the facility for use by the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare (Superior Court). The new courthouse will provide improved security for public visitors, judges, and courthouse staff; improve access to judicial facilities for residents of Porterville and other parts of Tulare County; provide courthouse facilities that meet current building standards for public use; and provide new judicial facilities to improve judicial efficiency and serve additional judges. The AOC has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to comply with requirements of CEQA; the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration disclose and evaluate the project's environmental impacts.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the proposed project and to provide comments to the AOC concerning the proposed project. The deadline for submitting comments is July 3, 2009.

HOW DO YOU PARTICIPATE?

The AOC encourages your participation. You may submit comments concerning the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to:

Mr. Jerome Ripperda
Administrative Office of the Courts
Northern/Central Regional Office
2860 Gateway Oaks, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95833-3509
E-mail: Jerry.Ripperda@jud.ca.gov or FAX: 916-263-8140.

All mail must be postmarked by 5 PM on July 3, 2009. The deadline for e-mailed comments or faxed comments is 5 PM on July 3, 2009.

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The AOC will hold a public meeting at the location listed below on June 25, 2009 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM to discuss the CEQA documents and receive public comments:

Porterville City Hall
291 N Main Street
Porterville, CA

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

You may request a copy of the document by sending a request for the document to Mr. Ripperda at the address listed above. Alternatively, you may download a copy of the document from the following website:

http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/programs/occm/projects_tulare.htm.

In addition, a copy of the CEQA document will be available for review in the government document repository of the following location:

Porterville Public Library
41 W. Thurman
Porterville, CA
Phone: 559-784-0177
<http://www.portervillelibrary.org/fol.html>

The full administrative record for the project is available at: Administrative Office Of The Courts, Office of Court Construction and Management, 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102-3668. Please call 415-865-4017 for an appointment.

CONTACT

If you have questions about the project or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mr. Jerome Ripperda at 916-263-8865 or by e-mail at the address listed above.

